

# Groundwater Management Case Study

## Discussion Topics

1. Do you know of agencies with a comprehensive GWMP that have been able to implement most of their components?

- a) If yes, what is considered the biggest factor enabling successful implementation?
- b) If not, what hurdles or obstacles did the agency encounter that limited their implementation of groundwater management.

2. What are some recommendations to further facilitate local groundwater management planning efforts?

# CASGEM – Legislation to Implementation

## Discussion Topics

1. How do we communicate to policy makers the ramifications of poorly-written or overly prescriptive laws?
2. How can legislation be written to be effective and allow flexibility for the variability of factors related to groundwater in California?
3. Should all groundwater basins be treated the same and require long-term and seasonal groundwater elevation monitoring? Is this reasonable? Is this feasible? Is this a good use of resources?
4. How do we educate the diverse parties dealing with groundwater issues so legislation improves groundwater management rather than create onerous regulations?

# CASGEM – Legislation to Implementation

## Discussion Topics

5. How can we get away from the struggle between confidentiality of wells and groundwater information and making well and groundwater data more readily available including to the public in order to better manage the limited groundwater resources?

6. What can be done to help areas of counties struggling to comply with CASGEM, but have limited financial resources and no other eligible local agencies in the area of the groundwater basin?

# Streamlining Groundwater Recharge & Storage

## Discussion Topics

1. Should we consider a state agency coordinating committee on groundwater recharge and storage?
2. Is it possible to align the mandates, policies and permitting responsibilities of state agencies with respect to groundwater recharge and storage?
3. Would it be useful to understand from a local, regional and statewide perspective how much additional groundwater recharge and storage is needed to move towards sustainability?
4. Is there research and studies that would be useful to help improve and optimize groundwater recharge facilities with regard to land, water and carbon footprint, and to monitor, measure and manage groundwater storage?